Rise Laws of Virginia. OW SINNERS WERE PUNISHED IN OLDEN TIMES.

shall be amerced 2,000 lbs. of tobacco.

England shall be thoroughly read at church or chapel every Sunday."

1663—"If any Quaker or other separatists whatsoever in this colony as day night, that we should sight the Alexaltan and the country in which I am traveling.

I was told on my going to bed on Friday night, that we should sight the Alexaltan and the country in which I am traveling. Royalist!

stopping people on the highways there in ancient times. Well, they did nothing of the sort in Virginia! Of course not. Let us see:

1662-" Enacted, that the Lord's day be kept holy, and no journeys be made And all persons inhabiting in the coun-

not being set up in six months after forging some horse shoes. The greeny the date of this act, the said Court shall in his persevering efforts to make the be fined 5,000 pounds of tobacco." treacherous metal stick, afforded much Funny, decidedly; but the funniest amusement to the other smiths. part of this tale is the ducking or cuck-ing stool. This was a sort of a long had not made much headway towards middle, and having a seat fastened at until the last man had gone to dinner, the further e.d, wherein a scolding then suddenly dropping the bar of cast woman being placed, was conveniently iron, he made directly for one of the oth-

They were too straight-laced for any his compliment to the three forges.—such amusements. And the method of When the blacksmith and his "jours" city ordinance decreeing that one be laughter, coupled with the inquiry:

es slip.
But one more and I have done. ng shall be punished according to the ormer law (to pay 1,000 pounds of toacco, and in case of inability, serve wor conce tongs, before their astonished gaze. As the idea that they had been be offender shall stand two hours in Evening Post.

Flowers and Children.

would build broad open balconies for se baby schollars, where, during every aylight moment of fair weather, they ight have fresh air, and bits of beauty owering under their inquiring eyes. I ould have the Pouponniere of Brussels pied; making elementary education be n-not when a child has been already cted into a little monster by bad pauts and evil surroundings, but in its in Italian: otracted cradle, in the first shaking of "What is gers to pictures and plants. We should Nobody laughs at you. Whereupon Ferranti sults of such cradle teaching; of sesthet-baritone and thrown into the alphabet, into the toy-responded: op, the playground, and the adorn-ent of the school room. For the child at is alive to the simplest lessons and auties of the field, that can delight in At this u iving to imitate—if only with straw paper—a beautiful form placed before is far on the At this unexpected interchange of public feelings, Max Maretzek and his orchestra began to laugh immediately.—
Then the people in the front scats, seeing the orchestra and the artists laughing, joined themselves, and the merriment presently, who may be kept well at school der good masters. A feeling for the autiful, a delight in it, which is at presently laugh of the house.

"Ah," said one of the Brooklyn papers, "there is always something majestic in Ferranti's singing of that song.—People burst into sympathetic laughter without being able to tell why!"

TRESSIN

Outhe Track of St. Paul's Voyages No section of the voyage from Trieste to Alexandra rivalled in interest, to me

Virginia was styled the "Old Domin-a" because during the protectorate of on "because during the protectorate of Cromwell something like an attempt was made to invite Charles II., it is said, then a refugee, to establish an independent dominion within her territory. Many of the so-called "blue last chapter of the Acts of the apostles, laws" of Virginia are, in their way, as languaged as those of any other of the laughable as those of any other of the voyage and shipwreek of the great aposcolonial governments. We may well the to the gentiles. From the printed page wonder if posterity will laugh at us in I looked up at the chalky and shrubless. future time, twenty years from now, mountains that form the backbone of the as we love in the present generation island, knowing that my eyes were privto poke fun at our ancestors, or rather, iledged to survey the very same shore as we should say, at our neighbor's anto the book again, thankful and joyful Well, the "blue laws" of Virginia— that while time may work its changes in In 1610, attendance at church twice countries and their people, the Gospel is ever new, and the true Christian, though every Sunday was enjoined "upon in bonds, is always triumphant on sea pain, for the first fault, to lose their and land. The little island of Clauda was provisions and allowance for the whole right near our boatside, and off in a quiet week following; for the second, to lose recess formed by a promontory of the said allowance, and also to be whipped; island was the Fair Heavens of Paul's and for the third, to suffer death." The day. It all seemed to me no longer his

law was subsequently modified as fol- tory, but the actual present, so minutely lows, the Governor publishing several confirmed is the account in the Acts by edicts: "That every person should go to church Sundays and holidays, or lie neck and heels that night, and be a slave to the colony the following week: for the second offense he should be a slave for a month; for the third a year and a day."

EVERT BOD I to Acts by the Colony in the Acts by the present topography of Candia. I found Professor Whitney's Atlas, to be an excellent aid, and having it constantly in hand, and comparing it with localities marked on larger and more pretenties marked on larger and more pretenties marked on larger and more pretenties and a day." I do wish we had such a funny law in our time. It would make the lazy folks get up early in the morning on Sunday.

1662—"Every person who refuses to 1662—"Every person who refuses to have his child baptized by a lawful minister (of the Church of England) what with my rough handling it on all what with my rough handling it on all The whole liturgy of the Church of low travelers, it already begins to par-

semble themselves together to the num- andria light before midnight. This made ber of five or more, of the age of 16 me a little restless, as I lay in my berth years or upward, under the pretense of and looked out of my friendly window joining in a religious worship not au-thorized in England or this country, moonlight playing and breaking on the the parties so offending shall forfeit almost noiseless waters, I could not help and pay for the first offense, 500 pounds of tobacco, and for the second offense shall be banished from the colony."

Puritanical intolerance, indeed, Mr. Alexandria, the mouth of the sacred Nile, Power and Power Royalist!

They did not let the people travel on Sundays in Connecticut. They tell amusing stories about the selectmen worning we entered the harbor.

Story of a Tankee Blacksmith.

A Connecticut paper has this story Some time ago a gawky-looking individual entered a blacksmith shop in a country town in this state and applied for a on that day, unless upon necessity. job, in a voice in perfect keeping with And all persons inhabiting in the country, having no lawful excuse, shall every Sinday resort to the parish church or chapel." Good; this was with the idea that they saw before them "The court in every country shall cause to be set up near the courthouse, a pillory, a pair of stocks, a whipping-post, and a ducking stool, in such places as they shall think convenient, which not being set up in six months after.

beam or pole, moving on a pivot at the constructing a shoe, but he kept at work let down and ducked in a pond or er forges, and selecting the best pair of tongs he could find, in an incredibly short This was a favorite pastime of these space of time he had converted the jaws royalists in early days. I have never discovered that the Puritans ever practice of the slipped along to the next forge, iced it in New Eugland. Not they, and repeated, the trick, and thus he left punishing scolds was introduced into this City of New York by royalist English—most ungallant fellows!—and not with a mournful, disconsolate, work by by the Dutch, and the practice pre-vailed here for a long time. We have was greeted by a boisterous shout of

rected as early as 1692. The machine "How do you get along making horse hen stood on the wharf in front of the shoes? Ain't sorry you learnt the trade, old Stadt Hays or City Hall in Coenare you?" The object of their jest replied:

But one more and I have done. "Iv'e got along purty well; I've 1679—"The first offense of hog-steal-knocked out three shoes, all 'cept cutting

he pillory and lose his ears; and for of these disciples of Vulcan, their length-he third offense he shall be tried by the ened and ludicrous visages were interestiws of England, as in case of felony." ing to behold. It turned out that the Poor hog-stealer! This was hard on verdant looking chap was a "boss blacka-a predicament truly laughable. smith" in a New Haven shop, and was STOVES: considered one of the best workmen in the country.

Truth in Opera.

In an article in the May number of on the influence of toys in educating and forming the tastes of children, Blandard Jerrold writes charmingly on the bject of flowers. He says:

Trath in Opera.

One night, when Charlotta Patti was in Brooklyn, she sang with Ferranti.—
Just as the buffo singer was leading her out the door to the platform, some one in the room behind him cried out that in Brooklyn, she sang with Ferranti. - Carpenters' Tools out the door to the platform, some one in the room behind him cried out that "I would have flowers crowded in the he had burst his coat at the seam of the chool room windows of the very young. he had burst his coat at the recede, for the audience had seen him, and the two singers advanced to the footlights. But the Tinware knowledge of the mishap took all the humor out of Ferranti, and the duet, which was sung in Italian, was so dole fully devoid of the usual humor that Patti noticed it before they were half SEEDS. through, and dropping the text of the song, she fitted the following words to it

rattle, and the first pointing of its I don't understand your nervousness.-"What is the matter with you to-night?

Whereupon Ferranti, in mellifluous baritone and equally mellifluous Italian,

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